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The above-identified patent application claims priority to German Patent Application No. 10109763.8 fled February 28, 2001, and claims the benefit of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP02/02169 filed February 28, 2002.

Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a German Search Report issued on the priority German Patent Application No. 10109763.8 and the International Search Report dated July 24, 2003, issued on the corresponding PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/EP02/02169.

The German Search Report cited German Patent Application Nos.: DE 19947747 A1; DE 19601744 C2; DE 4426245 A1; DE 3639901 A1; DE 3639902 A1 and DE 3639903 A1.

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Applicants' attorney also encloses copies of European Patent Application Nos. EP 0799819A1, EP 0693475 B1 and German Patent Application Nos. DE 19525137 A1 and DE 19547766 A1, which were cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application.

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